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INFO AMEMASSY BEIRUT

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C O N F I D E N T I A L BAGHDAD 484

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ASEC, IZ

SUBJ: ARREST OF USINT EMPLOYEE

REF: BAGHDAD 479 AND PREVIOUS

1. AS OF 0900 SEPTEMBER 15 USINT EMPLOYEE ABBAS SOUSA STILL UNDER ARREST. HIS FAMILY AND MAIN WERE, HOWEVER, PERMITTED TO SEE HIM FOR SHORT TIME SEPTEMBER 14. HE APPEARED UNHARMED AND IN RELATIVELY GOOD SPIRITS.

2. AS OF 0900 SEPTEMBER WE HAVE RECEIVED NO EXPLANATION FOR REARREST AND DIRGEN OF PROTOCOL HAS NOTRESPONDED TO BELGIAN CHARGE'S REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENT. THIS IS NOT UNUSUAL SINCE FORMINISTRY VIRTUALLY POWERLESS IN CASES INVOLVING SECURITY AUTHORITIES.

3. GIVEN REPUTATION OF IRAQI SECURITY AUTHORITIES, OUR MAIN CONCERN THROUGHOUT HAS BEEN TO PREVENT PHYSICAL HARM TO ABBAS, ON OF USINT'S MOST CONSCIENTIOUS AND VALUABLE EMPLOYEES.

4. ABBAS IS INTER ALIA PRICIPAL OFFICER'S DRIVER AND RESPONSIBLE FOR RECEIVING AND DESPATCHING POUCHES FROM AIRPORT. HIS INCARCERATION FOR ONE WEEK IS INCREASINGLY INTERFERING FUNCTIONING OF USINT. WHILE NOT GREAT INCONVENIENCE, THIS COULD PERHAPS BE CITED IN NOTE TO FORMIN
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AS VIOLATION OF ARTICLE 38 OF VIENNA CONVENTION.

5. USINT TELEPHONE OPERATOR ALI MUHILDIN PICKED UP AT 0700
SEPT 15 BY TWO PLAINCLOTHESMEN AND HOLD FOR ONE HOUR. HE
WAS QUESTIONED ABOUT HIS RECENT PASSPORT ALLPLICATION. IT
MAY BE, THEREFORE, COICIDENCE, BUT HE WAS ASKED ALSO ABOUT
ABBAS AND HE, LIKE ABBAS, IS KURDISH. HE WAS NOT THREATENED
IN ANY WAY.

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